Rehabilitation of Gujarat riots victims

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the rehabilitation package worked out by the Government of India for the victims of the recent communal roits in Gujarat;

(b) the amount of money allocated and disbursed for housing and for starting of business; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure assistance to the riot affected families on the basis of objective criteria and for avoiding any scope for discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) The Honourable Prime Minister announced on 30.4.2002 in the Lok Sabha a package for economic rehabilitation of the Gujarat riot victims. The package, *inter-alia* comprises an assistance of Rs. 150 crores to be extended to the Government of Gujarat for rehabilitation of all those who lost their homes, belongings and means of livelihood and for immediate revival of normal economic activities in all riot affected areas. The package is comprehensive and covers all strata of society. The details of the initial package for Rs. 121.19 crores, worked out in consultation with the Government of Gujarat, are as under:

2. Details of the package

(i)	Schemes for reconstruction of houses in urban areas under the Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY)	Rs. 26.37 cr.
(ii)	Assistance under the Indira Awas Yojana for the constructions of houses in rural areas	Rs. 20.29 cr.
(iii)	Schemes for provision of earning assets under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana @ Rs. 10000/- per beneficiary	Rs. 14.51 cr.
(iv)	Provision of earning assets:	
	(a) Grant of 20%—Sbject to a ceiling @ Rs. 10000/- per beneficiary.	(a) Rs. 6.80 cr.
	(b) Grant of 20%—Subject to a maximum of Rs. 50000/- for rehabilitation of larger business establishments	(b) Rs. 32.05 cr.

(v)	Provision of household kits @ Rs. 2500/- per beneficiary from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund for 30000 beneficiaries.	Rs. 7.5 cr.
(vi)	Special scheme for rehabilitation of widows/ orphans:	
	(a) Women livelihood restoration	Rs. 4.00 crore
	(b) Establishment of widow Homes	Rs. 1.00 crore
	(c) Anganwadi relief and Trauma Counseling Centres (SWADHAR)	Rs. 0.89 crore
(vii)	Detailed rehabilitation package by SEWA for rehabilitation of widows/orphans/destitute women.	Rs. 7.78 cr.

3. For sanctioning these rehabilitation schemes, relaxations in the prescribed norms for the different schemes have been permitted in consultation with the Ministry of Finance to meet the specific requirements of riot victims, while covering them under the Government of India's ongoing schemes. The sanctions issued so far out of the rehabilitation assistance of Rs. 150 crores announced by PM amount to Rs. 121.19 crores. Balance amount would be allocated on receipt of proposals from Government of Gujarat after further identification/survey of beneficiaries etc.

4. Government have instructed banks and financial institutions to provide immediate assistance in implementing schemes for recommencing business, commercial and industrial activities. The insurance companies have also been advised to ensure speedy relief to the victims. In a special meeting of the monitoring committee of the State Level Bankers Committee, on 9th July, 2002, a review of the latest position of the sanctions/disbursement of bank loans to all applicants was conducted. A review of the settlement of all insurance claims was conducted to ensure that speedy settlement is done. The insurance companies would endeavour to settle 80 per cent cases by 31st July, 2002 and the balance by 15th August, 2002, subject to submission of basic documents by the claimants. Special camps will be organised for distribution of payments in case of settled claims.

5. Senior Officers at the State level and the Cabinet Secretariat at the Central Government level are monitoring the implementation of the schemes of assistance to ensure that no one affected by the riots is left out and the schemes are implemented properly and in an objective manner.

Search Operations at IAF Station, Aya Nagar

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an internal inquiry has been ordered to investigate the exact sequence of events that led to an alert and extensive search operation regarding four armed persons reportedly seen moving around the Indian Air Force Station in Aya Nagar, Delhi on 2nd June, 2002;

(b) if so, what is the outcome of the inquiry; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve the security in IAF Stations?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Shri Ganpat, a civilian, reported sighting four armed personnel at Air Force Station, Aya Nagar during the night of 2nd June, 2002. Subsequently, extensive research operations, inquiries/investigations were conducted by the police as well as the Indian Air Force in order to ascertain the truth. However, despite extensive combing operations lasting full night the reported intruders could not be apprehended.

From the joint investigation carried out by civil police and the IAF the probable conclusion is that the message/report of Shri Ganpat was not authentic and there was no intrusion.

Security around all Air Force Stations has been tightened in liaison with the civil police. All entry/exit points are manned effectively and vital areas and installations guarded. Patrolling around and outside the Air Force Stations is carried out by civil police and all movements of strangers monitored.

Adequate steps have been taken to strengthen and improve the security around Air Force Stations. However, details cannot be divulged in the interest of national security.

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